DR. S. JOHN: A few months back.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Sir, I ask when the Government passed that order? Will the Surgeon General will be pleased to give the date? His answer is not illuminating.

DR. S. JOHN: Sir, I claim notice.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether a building was not contemplated in 1119?

DR. S. JOHN: I think so.

Hospitals in the State for women and children.

183. *MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of hospitals in the State for women and children and where they are situated;

(*b*) whether they have any idea of starting any new hospital for women and children in North Travancore and if so, where; and

(*c*) whether the Government are convinced of the necessity of such a hospital in Muvattupuzha taluk to meet the requirements of the surrounding hospitals and dispensaries?

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) Two. One in Trivandrum and the other at Quilon.

(*b*) Not at present.

(*c*) No.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether the Government is alive to the desirability of a Women and Children's Hospital in North Travancore?

DR. S. JOHN: I do not think it is necessary, because Lady Doctors are posted in all the Hospitals and there are Women's Hospitals in Trivandrum and Quilon. I do not think that a hospital is necessary in North Travancore.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Sir, as there are Lady Doctors in the Hospital in North Travancore, the honourable member is of the opinion that there is no need for a Women and Children's hospital there. But, in view of the fact that there are Lady Doctors in the hospitals of Trivandrum and Quilon, does the honourable member think there also there is no necessity to have separate hospitals?

DR. S. JOHN: Sir, the point is that the Lady Doctors are appointed in the big hospitals in Trivandrum, and Quilon and Kottayam only to give training to the Lady Doctors. If the women and children are given proper treatment there, I do not think that the question arises.

Refresher Course in the Medical Department.

184. *MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI (*The Travancore Jennies—North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Doctors in the Medical Department are given any refresher course; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, the term and centre of the same?

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DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) and (*b*) at present there is no such arrangement; but from next year onwards two graduates in medicine are proposed to be sent every year for observation and study for a period of 6 months each in some of the important hospitals in Madras, Bombay and Delhi. Licentiates will be given training locally.

Grant-in-aid to the recognised orphanages.

185. ***MR. P. O. THOMAS:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have raised the grant-in-aid to the recognised orphanages since the commencement of the war; and

(*b*) if so, the proportion in which they were raised?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Sir, are not the grants given to maintain the orphanages?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Yes, for maintaining also.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether Government realise that the cost of the maintenance of the inmates has risen after the war at least five fold?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: That is why a lump some provision is made. Where any increase is deemed necessary, it will be given.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: But the total grant is not increased.

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Yes, we will distribute it according to the needs.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Does not Government feel the necessity to increase the grants to the orphanages?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: When there are funds increased provision will be made.

Vocational Welfare Officer.

186 ***MR. K. A. MAHOMED:** May I know from the Government:

(*a*) how long it is since the Vocational Welfare Officer has been appointed in the Education Department;

(*b*) what is his pay and allowance; and

(*c*) what are his duties?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) About six years, from August 1939.

(*b*) Pay Rs. 325 (Personal); no allowance.

(*c*) i. To train up selected Middle School teachers in Vocational and Welfare Work leadership in specially organised Training Courses held in different parts of the State;

ii. To inspect by frequent visits to schools, the work done by the trained teachers in their schools, for the pupils.

iii. To give frequent instructions and guidance by circulars to the teachers employed in the work.

iv. To maintain records of progress of work in the schools and to carry on office work generally in connection with the scheme.

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